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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

WO97/21776 was cited in the Official Action dated September 12, 2001 in the corresponding ROC (Republic of China) patent application. WO97/21776 is identified in the International Search Report as a patent family of reference 1 (JP 9-157578 A). The U.S. National Phase application of WO97/21776 issued as U.S. Patent 6,069,215. Application No. 09/476,360 (pending) is a divisional of Application No. 09/077,939 which issued as U.S.

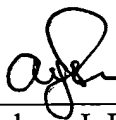
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Patent 6,069,215. The issued patent document is submitted herewith in lieu of the pending application.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date for an application other than a continued prosecution application (CPA) under §1.53(d); (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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